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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1897.

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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

NOTICES
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.
CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £350,000
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [32]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoth, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND £6,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
St. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Chairman.
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING—Deputy Chairman.
C. Beurmann, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
G. D. Bauling, Esq. R. L. Richardson, Esq.
G. B. Dodwell, Esq. R. Shawan, Esq.
R. M. Gray, Esq. N. A. Siebs, Esq.
David Gubbay, Esq. Gerald Slader, Esq.

Chief Manager:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. F. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9]

NOTICES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1895. [10]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1884.

CAPITAL £1,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY £480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA £757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company we are prepared to
accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [11]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, £100,000. £83,333-33.

EQUAL TO £83,333-33.
RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TEE SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [12]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL-SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG PAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1895. [13]

Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 141.

The following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,
to be held on the spot, on
MO DAY,

the 3rd day of May, 1897, at 3 P.M., are
published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 17th April, 1897. [14]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by
Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday,
the 3rd day of May, 1897, at 3 P.M., by Order of
His Excellency the Governor, of Twenty-seven
Lots of CROWN LAND, together with Building
Material stacked thereon in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Annual R.	Upset.
1	Island	It. It. It. It. It. It.	\$ \$		
2	Lot No.	Sq.			
3	1420	Street, 42	42 16 6 672 502,352		
4	1421	"	42 16 6 672 502,352		
5	1422	Tank	42 16 6 672 502,352		
6	1423	Isle,	42 16 6 672 502,016		
7	1424	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
8	1425	Tal-	42 16 6 672 502,016		
9	1426	pling,	42 16 6 672 502,016		
10	1427	Shan,	42 16 6 672 502,016		
11	1428	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
12	1429	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
13	1430	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
14	1431	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
15	1432	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
16	1433	"	42 16 6 672 502,016		
17	1434	Shan,	15 15 45 45 675 503,038		
18	1435	"	15 15 45 45 675 503,038		
19	1436	"	15 15 45 45 675 503,038		
20	1437	"	13 4 13 4 45 45 600 502,400		
21	1438	Yan,	13 4 13 4 45 45 600 502,400		
22	1439	"	13 4 13 4 45 45 600 502,400		
23	1440	Street,	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
24	1441	"	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
25	1442	"	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
26	1443	"	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
27	1444	"	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
28	1445	"	43 43 14 14 602 502,107		
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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will
be held TOMORROW, the 28th April, at
3 o'clock P.M., at the ROOMS of the CHAMBER,
CITY HALL, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Committee and passing the
Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1896.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [15]

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the
above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED
OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's
Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the General Manager, together with a Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1895.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [16]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH YEARLY GENERAL
MEETING of the MEMBERS of the
CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on
FRIDAY, the 30th April, 1897, at 4 P.M.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [17]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY PER
CENT. upon CONTRIBUTIONS for the
year 1896 has been DECLARED.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 30th
instant.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1897. [18]

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. upon
CONTRIBUTIONS for the year 1896 has
been DECLARED.

WARRANTS will be issued on the 30th
instant.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1897. [19]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
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CHAU TSEUNG PAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1897. [20]

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To-day's
Advertisements.

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525, E.C.

Above CHAPTER will be held in the
FREEMASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, THIS
EVENING, the 27th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially
invited to attend.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [65]

THE FIRST EXHIBITION OF THE
"CINEMATOGRAPH"

IS
POSTPONED
until TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),
the 28th instant at 11 A.M.

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arrangements combined with the elaborate and
most modern of electrical appliances of the
machines require such perfect adjustment and
manipulation that Professor MAURICE CHARVET
has decided to postpone his Opening Exhibi-
tion for ONE DAY.)

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
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TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)!!

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following hours:-

11 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.30 P.M.
9 P.M. and 10.15 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1.00
CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [65]

GRAND CONCERT.

Under the Patronage and Presence of
H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,
H.E. Major-General WILSON BLACK, C.B.,
and
Commodore HOLLAND, A.D.C.

Given by
Signor A. CATTANEO and PUPILS
ON
MONDAY, the 3rd May, 1897,
at the
LUSITANO CLUB,
IN AID OF
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ORGAN FUND.

Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and
Banjo
Seventeen Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.

Chorus of over Forty Lady and Gentlemen
Amateurs.

PROGRAMME,
PART I.

1. A Opening Chorus.
2. It was a Knight—Sopr. and Chorus.

C. The Harp in the Air—Mz. Sopr and
Chorus.

D. Angelus—Covo. Religious, from "Mari-
anna" by Wallace.

Sopr. Mrs. STRINGER.

Mz. Sopr. Mrs. MANSELL.

Chorus, Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.

2. Barcarolle—"Toujours dans ma gondole." C. Action.

Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and
Banjo—Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.

3. Tenor Solo—"Yes! I let me like a Soldier
fall," from Marietta. Wallace.

A. C. VAN NIEROP, Esq.

4. Mandoline Solo—Naturel. Bella Ross.

Miss ALVES.

5. Soprano Solo—"Hallate," from Opera
"Guitaria".....Ch. Gomez.

Miss E. CARVALHO.

6. Serenade—"Ombre Nuiture"....Mattini.

Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and
Banjo—Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.

FIVE MINUTES INTERVAL.

PART II.

1. Ave Maria for Bass and Chorus.....

Sig. Cattaneo.

J. KRALI Esq., and Chorus of Lady and
Gentlemen Amateurs.

2. Trio—Spanish SerenadeCh. Acton.

1st Mandoline, Miss LYSAUGHT.

2nd Mandoline, Miss ALVES.

Guitar, Miss L. LYSAUGHT.

3. Contralto Solo "Life's Lullaby".....

Gerald Lane.

Mrs. F. DODWELL.

4. Mandolin Solo—Fantasie Transcription from
Wagner's "Lohengrin".....Plotrapertess.

Sig. G. BADOLO.

5. Duet for Tenor and Baritone, "Excelsior".....

Balls, A. C. VAN NIEROP, Esq., and CHAS.

GRACE, Esq.

6. Barcarolle—"Bella Napoli".....Boscoville.

Orchestra of Mandolines, Mandolas, Guitars and
Banjo—Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs.

Accompanists:—

J. Danenberg, Esq. and Signor A. Cattaneo.

Pic. of Administr. — \$2.

Tickets may be had at Messrs. W. ROBINSON
& Co. and the LUSITANO Club on and after
FRIDAY, the 30th April.

Concert commences at 9.15 P.M.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [66]

PUBLIC AUCTION

DRAPERY FOR THE SEASON.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

SATURDAY, the 1st May, 1897,

commencing 10.30 A.M.,

at his SALES ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,

A QUANTITY OF

GENTLEMAN'S DRAPERY.

Suitable for the Season,

Comprising:—

FRENCH WORSTED, FRENCH CHECK

TWEEDS, FINE BLUE and BLACK WOOL

MATERIALS, PLAIN and STRIPED FLAN-

NEL, TENNIS SERGE, &c., &c., all cut in

SUIT LENGTHS, PYJAMA SUITS, SOCKS,

STOCKINGS, COLLARS, TENNIS SHOES,

&c., &c., &c.,

Also
A SMALL PARCEL OF FINE SCOTCH

TWEEDS IN SUIT LENGTHS

AND
A Quantity of LADIES' DRAPERY,

Comprising:—

DELAINES, CASHMERE, NUN'S VEIL-

ZEPHYRS, PRINTS and other SPRING

DRESS MATERIALS,

&c., &c., &c.,

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.

On View on FRIDAY, the 26th April.

GEORGE P. LAMMERT,

Advertiser.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [69]

To-day's
Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."

Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the

above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th instant,

at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1897. [687]

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [683]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &

COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARASPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-
rison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MISSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the

Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [692]

NAVIGATION GENERALE ITALIANA,
(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and
GENOVA.

ALSO

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRA-

NEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to

CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN
GULF and BAGDAD.

ALSO

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE,
ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LETIMBRO."

Captain Belisito, will be despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 1st May, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in

VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [688]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph" and not to "The Editor."

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily to the
Editor, but to the Manager, Hongkong Telegraph.

Whilst the columns of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions
affecting public interest, it must be clearly understood that the
Editor is in no way held responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

1. "Overture" "Mazurka" "Auber.
2. "Gavotte" "Impress" "Faure.
3. "Scherzo" "Waltz" "Gounod.
4. "Water Music from 'Tea-Party VIII'" "Sullivan.
5. "Waltz" "Hochzeitstanz" "Gounod.
6. "Selection" "Romance Juliette" "Gounod.

DR. NANSEN has agreed to lend the "Fasse" for a private expedition into the North Polar regions during the coming summer, and to advise as to equipment and route. The expedition, which will be mainly English, will have for its objects the examination of meteorological conditions and the scrutiny of animals in certain currents, with the view of ascertaining whence these currents flow.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* reported on the 23rd March that Prince Oskobtomyk, the president of the Russo-Chinese Bank and editor of the *Petersburgskaia Vladiostok*, is starting shortly for China to negotiate with the Chinese Government on the subject of coal for the Manchurian railway, to be procured near the route of the proposed line, which will now be laid down somewhat more to the south in the province of Kihlitan than was originally proposed. Prince Oskobtomyk at the same time takes presents for the Emperor of China. [H.H. is due here by the German mail on the 5th inst.] A party of Russian mining engineers will meantime be employed in investigating the coalfields of Manchuria. The Minister of Finance is also about to send a commission to Korea to study the financial condition and prospects of that country, and it is proposed to establish a Russo-Japanese Bank there, or, more probably, a branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank already existing.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNOFFICIALS.

THE QUESTION OF SECRET CONFABULATIONS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOT INCLINED TO COMMENT.

We have received from the Hon. T. H. Whitehead the following correspondence for publication:—

MR. WHITEHEAD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1897.
Dear Sir William,—I observe from the correspondence, in connection with the Light Dues question, published in this morning's paper, that a reply has been received from the Secretary of State dated 17th ulto, to you, Excellency's despatch of 18th January, forwarded the petition from the Shipping Community dated 24th December last.

I have now the honour to request that you will be so good as to forward the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to send me a copy of your Excellency's despatch to the Secretary of State, forwarded my letter dated the 2nd December last on the same subject, together with a copy of the Secretary of State's reply thereto. It will be observed that my letter of 18th January was written some six to seven weeks prior to your Excellency's letter of 18th January now acknowledged.

I have the honour to be,
Yours very truly,
T. H. WHITEHEAD.

His Excellency
Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

THE LETTERS FORTHCOMING.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 26th April, 1897.

No. 632. SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 24th instant I am directed to forward to you a copy of the correspondence, closing my letter dated the 2nd December last, on the subject of the Light Dues, a copy of which took place in the Legislative Council on the subject of Mr. Whitehead's letter.

2. You will observe that in his letter Mr. Whitehead desires that what he terms his protest may be forwarded to you, and this is my reason for transmitting to you the correspondence to which reference is made above.

3. I do not propose on the present occasion to deal with the general question of Light Dues, which will form the subject of a separate communication when the matter has been discussed in Council and I am in possession of the views of the shipping firms which I understand will be communicated to me shortly.

4. With regard to Mr. Whitehead's protest against consulting the Unofficial Members of Council privately, it will be seen on reference to the correspondence with the Unofficial Members and the discussion in Council that I had no desire to consult them privately and expressed no wish and gave no indication that the official communication addressed by me to the Senior Unofficial Member should be regarded as confidential or secret. As a matter of fact both Mr. Whitehead and the Honourable Ho Kai stated in Council that they had not treated it as such, but that they had consulted those interests they as Members of the Legislative Council are supposed to represent on the matter with which the correspondence deals.

5. With respect to Mr. Whitehead's desire that the Estimates should be introduced at an earlier date, I will cause a note to be made of his wishes in this respect, which are reasonable and which are in accord with the Financial Instructions on the subject of the date of introducing the Estimates into Council.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM ROBINSON,
The Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain,
M.P.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN DECLINES TO COMMENT.

Hongkong
No. 23.
Downing Street,
27th January, 1897.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 587, of the 21st ulto, enclosing copies of correspondence between yourself and the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Gap Rock Lighthouse Rate, together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Whitehead on the sub-

ject, and a report of a discussion which took place in the Legislative Council.

2. On the general question of the Light Dues I shall await your promised despatch, which shall receive the most careful consideration.

3. The delay in the publication of the Estimates, to which Mr. Whitehead alludes, is a common subject of reasonable complaint and care will no doubt be taken that in future years Estimates are placed before the Council at an earlier date.

4. The question of this procedure adopted on the occasion in point was one for the Governor's discretion, and I am not inclined to comment upon either the substance or the form of Mr. Whitehead's representations.

I have, &c.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor, Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

MR. WHITEHEAD'S PROTEST.

The following is Mr. Whitehead's protest, dated and December, 1896, referred to in the Governor's despatch of the 21st December:—

HON. T. H. WHITEHEAD TO THE GOVERNOR.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1896.

SIR.—I have the honour to address your Excellency with reference to your communication to the unofficial members of Council, made through the senior member, on the subject of the Gap Rock Light dues, under date the 12th November. Mr. Chater, in his letter in reply, dated the 27th ulto, has informed you of my intention to do so, and of my dissent from the opinions expressed by him on behalf of his other colleagues in the Council on the subject of the question. I dissent so strongly, both as to the procedure adopted by your Excellency in bringing the matter before the members of Council privately, and on the merits of the question, and I deem it of such importance to the public that I propose to now publish the whole correspondence, and to refer the subject to the Secretary of State.

I take leave to call your Excellency's attention in the first place to the fact that, although the letter of the Chamber of Commerce, calling the attention of the Government to the fact that the time had arrived for the abolition of the Gap Rock Light dues, was dated the 31st July last, it was not until the 12th ulto, that any step was taken with a view to the consideration of the question. I note in the second place that it was not until the 19th November that the Estimates for the year 1897 were circulated to members, and that they contain no suggestion of any intention on the part of the Government to relieve the trade of the colony of the burden imposed on shipping for a special purpose long since accomplished, or any proposal for any alternative measure. I beg most respectfully to submit that the delay in the preparation and publication of the Estimates, and especially the delay in taking action on the Chamber of Commerce letter of the 31st July, is most injurious to the public interest, and prevents any proper and adequate consideration of the important question involved, either by the responsible members of Council or by the public who are directly interested. The Estimates will be laid upon the Council table to-morrow for the first time, and will then only become known to you for an opinion which I will willingly and which will encourage me if ever placed in such an important position to deserve your appreciation. I have been taken by surprise and this frank acknowledgment which comes from the bottom of my heart must content you.

I object to the impost of the same dues under another name. I am not satisfied that it is necessary to substitute some other source of revenue, but if additional taxation is an absolute necessity there are, it seems to me, other available sources of income. House property money and other interests derive a value from the shipping, the fees for spirit licenses might be increased or doubled, and there are considerations arising out of the Opium Fairs and opium, and suggestions might be made in connection therewith for raising any required addition to the revenue.

2. Had the question been referred to the Finance Committee of Council within a reasonable period of the date on which the Chamber of Commerce brought it to the notice of Government there would have been adequate time for its examination and discussion, and the expenditure or economy in the cost of the administration could have been simultaneously considered, but now in the last days of the year the Estimates must be hurried through without delay.

I respectfully protest against this method of bringing forward important questions for debate at the latest possible moment. I further protest against secret confabulations between the unofficial members of Council on public questions, and at the reduction of the debates in Council to a mere *pro forma* discussion on resolutions already arrived at.

May I be permitted to point out that in the Straits Settlements, with their enormous area and extensive interests, the Government there told the Estimates for 1897 on the Council table on the 1st October last.

I have the honour to request that this my protest may be forwarded to your Excellency's earliest convenience to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies. I have the honour to be, your most obedient servant,

T. H. WHITEHEAD.

His Excellency Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., &c., &c.

MR. SERCOMBE SMITH AND THE BAR.

At the Supreme Court this afternoon, during an interval in the proceedings, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., addressing Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, *Palace Judge*, said:—As this will probably be the last opportunity afforded me of doing so, I beg to recite, on behalf of myself and other members of the Bar and also members of the other branch of the profession, our high respect and appreciation of his Lordship who is now leaving the Bench, and to express our admiration for the manner in which he has discharged his duties on the Bench and also our regret that he is leaving the profession for the Civil Service.

The Chief Justice said he was glad to hear Mr. Francis express the sense of the Bar in appreciation of his late Lordship. As far as himself, he had been associated with him for the past 12 months and although he did not care to say much before his face, he had a very high opinion of his judicial qualities and regretted that he was leaving them.

Mr. Justice Sercombe Smith said:—Mr. Francis and gentlemen of the Bar, the few words you have spoken have taken me by surprise very much, and I am deeply indebted to you for an opinion which I will willingly and which will encourage me if ever placed in such an important position to deserve your appreciation. I have been taken by surprise and this frank acknowledgment which comes from the bottom of my heart must content you.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CLUB GOLD MEDAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP, 1897.

The competition for the above, which opened on the 13th inst. with no less than 16 entries, closed on the 22nd inst. after a very interesting contest. The play in the final was witnessed by a large number of ladies and gentlemen and the West Yorks band played some excellent musical selections during the afternoon. The record up to the final round was as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.

Mr. C. E. Hume beat Mr. E. A. Ram by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. C. A. Tomes beat Mr. V. G. C. Hawkins by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. Stewart beat Corn. Taylor, R.N., by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr. A. S. Anto. beat Lieut. Fairie, R.N., by 5 up and 5 to play; Mr. C. W. May beat Major Grant Dalton by 5 up and 4 to play; Capt. G. F. Phillips beat Mr. T. N. Howard by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. H. L. Dalrymple beat Capt. Plumer by 5 up and 1 to play; and Capt. R. M. Ramsey, R.N., beat Mr. F. J. Badeney by 3 up and 2 to play.

SECOND ROUND.

Mr. C. A. Tomes beat Mr. C. E. Hume by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. A. S. Anto. beat Mr. G. Stewart by 5 up and 3 to play; Mr. G. F. Phillips beat Mr. H. L. Dalrymple by 4 up and 3 to play.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mr. A. S. Anto. beat Mr. C. A. Tomes by 1 hole, and Capt. G. F. Phillips beat Mr. H. L. Dalrymple by 4 up and 3 to play.

FINAL.

This round was arranged to be a continuous one of 26 holes, Capt. Phillips taking the honour and winning first hole in 4 against Mr. Anto's 5. The latter took the next two holes in 4 and the fourth fell to Captain Phillips in 4, the fifth being halved in 3. Mr. Anto won the next three and the Captain took the ninth in 5, Mr. Anto being a 2 up. In the next round the hole was given up to Phillips and he took the eleventh in 4 and a 5. The seventeenth and eighteenth were halved in 5 and 6. Anto 5 up on the 18th holes. During this second round a couple of nine strokes by Anto deserve special mention. Going to the long hole (420 yards) his drive with the carry measured 250 yards; for his second, without good luck, he carried a roll of 31 ft. 2 yards beyond the sink hole, and found his ball 25 yards beyond the sink hole a drive of 193 yards. Both players felt the heat severely and their strokes began to show a failing off.

As to the question of the abolition of the Gap Rock Light dues, I am distinctly of opinion that they ought to be abolished. They were imposed for a temporary purpose which has been effected, and more, they have left a considerable credit balance in hand. There should be no tax on any kind on shipping, no matter how slight or for whatever purpose. Hongkong was established one of whom, Mr. Bell-Irving, directly represents the mercantile and shipping world, and who was absent from the meeting of the unofficial members at which the question was considered. The other unofficial members are large land owners or largely interested in land and property, and only indirectly interested in the trade and freedom of the port. This is not a question which should be left to the unofficial members to settle in private, and without a full statement in public of their reasons and a full consideration and discussion of all possible alternatives. There may be a discussion in Council, and speeches may be made, but there will be no *bona fide* debate. There cannot be, when the conclusion has been pre-arranged.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Before their Lordships the *Chief Justice*, (Sir J. W. Carrington) and Mr. T. Sercombe Smith (*Palace Judge*).

April 27th.

SUNDER SINGH v. CHEUK SAN HOP.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., appeared for Sunder Singh (appellant) and Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Johnstone, Stoker, and Mason) appeared for Cheuk San Hop (respondent).

Mr. Francis said this was an application under Ordinance 24 of 1893, Section 41, which gave leave to appeal from the decision of the Police Judge to the Full Court. The action on which the appeal was based was that of Sunder Singh v. Cheuk San Hop and another, heard in the suit below. The subject matter of the suit below was a promissory note for \$700, dated August 12, 1895, and signed by the defendant Cheuk San Hop with his chop and drawn in favour of Sunder Singh, payable on demand. In that suit, on the issue of the writ, application was made for a writ of attachment by plaintiff on the ground that defendant, a cattle dealer, had removed a number of cattle from his possession out of the jurisdiction of this court and into Chinese territory, and that he had only brought back here a very small number. The writ was issued on the application of plaintiff, defendant showing no cause against it, but he gave bail in the action. When the action came on, evidence was heard on both sides, there being two Indian and one Chinese witness for plaintiff, and, for defendant, himself and one Chinese witness. Judgment was reserved and a written judgment was afterwards delivered by His Lordship the Police Judge. (Counsel then read the judgment, which is already appeared in these columns.) The notice of special defence in a case of this sort was of much importance. It was that the defendants would rely on the evidence that they were induced to make and sign a promissory note by fraud by plaintiff and Manna Singh. Readine further from the judgment Mr. Francis said his Lordship had rejected the whole of the evidence of plaintiff's side because he was convinced of its falsity on two points. However probable it was that the piece of paper mentioned in the case had come out of one of the witness's hands, Mr. Reece's evidence was simply that he believed the papers were identical, as they were of the same colour and bore the same water mark. It was not an important question, however, where the paper came from and who got it stamped. Mr. Ree

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897.

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